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A Brief

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Of the Imperial Army under the Command of Count Lesly: The Taking of the Town of Esseck, and Setting Fire to the Bridge, And the Consternation of the Infidels upon That Action.

Count Lesly, in pursuance of the Orders of his Imperial Majesty, made a Review of his Army upon the Borders of **Croatia**, the Twenty sixth of **July**, at **Geszte** near the **Diabe**; And so drew toward **Canina**, where he set fire to the **Suburbs**: And several Villages and Castles, for Four Leagues about; And after that, March'd on, to Execute his Design upon the Bridge of **Esseck**: The Generals of the Militia of **Croatia** being in the mean time, to give the **Turks** a Diversion on the other side; upon Agreement with the **Venetian Generals**. Upon the Third of **August** he arriv'd at **Babosca**, with ten Regiments of Good Men, and was Joyn'd upon the Fourth, by Three thousand **Croats**; Where he Caused his Cannon, Baggage, and Provisions to be Embarqu'd, that he might March with the more Expedition. He departed from thence on the Fifth; And got within a League of the **Bridge** of **Esseck** upon the Fourteenth, without being taken Notice of, or any sort of Alarm: He dispos'd his Troops, at the same time, for the Attaque that he intended the Morning following, by break of day, which was Executed with Great Bravery, and Success, by Four thousand Men: Insomuch that they Routed Seven hundred **Tartars**, that Interpos'd to hinder them in their Enterprize; And having Gain'd the Point, they Charg'd Five hundred of them, that they found in the Marshes, and not One of them Escap'd. They began then to put Fire to the Bridge; And in an Instant put Twelve hundred Paces of it into a Flame; The rest of the Enemy that had fled, and
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now Gather'd together under **Three Basses** to the Number of **Three thousand Men**, were so scatter'd, that they fled toward **Belgrade**, and not Fifty in a Company. General **Lesly**, at the same Time, made himself Master of the Town of **Esseck**, and put all to the Sword that they found there: And after the Pillaging of the Place, blew up the Magazine, and the Arcenal with Great Quantities of Provision both for the War, and the Mouth, and laid it all in Ashes.

The Consternation of the People, and the Neighbouring Towns, under the **Ottoman Power**, was so Great, that it is not possible to Express it. The Town of **Walpo** was likewise Taken and sack'd: And 'tis believ'd that the Army is now Marching toward the **Five Churches**, some Four Leagues from the Famous Town of **Zigeth**. The **Christians** lost not above Fifty Men in this Great Action; Among which, was the **Sieur Patrobt**, a Captain of Horse, who is much Lamented. The Prince of **Diedrichstein** brought the News of This Great Victory to his **Imperial Majesty** and Presented him with **Five Colours** taken from the Enemy.

His **Imperial Majesty** has also Advice, that the Duke of **Lorraine** had sent a Detachment of some Thousands of Men, under the Command of Collonel **Hensler**, which he Caus'd to Pass over his New Bridges upon the **Danube**, near **Gian**, to learn how it stood with the Fortresses of **Robigrad**; Which they found Quitted by the Garrison, the Magazines taking fire by Thunder, and Lightning, upon the same Day of the Action before **Gian**, and the taking of the Bridge of **Esseck**. This accident Ruin'd a great part of the Town, with the Tower, and made a great Breach in the Rampards, which they Resolv'd to Repair, and to Garrison That Post for a Passage to the Conquest that they Design'd the rest of this Campaigne.

There are Letters that speak Confidently of the taking of **Esperies**, by General **Scultz**; But the particulars not being come, we must wait for the Confirmation. It is Current however, That General **Scultz** having had Advice of the March of Six hundred **Janizaries** for the succor of this Place, sent Eight hundred Horse to Intercept them, Who fell upon them, and gave them so Entire a Defeat, that scarce Twenty of them escap'd, to carry the News from **Agria**, whence they came.